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Group 2100

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

RAHUL SHARMA ET AL.

Serial No.: 09/577,188

Filing Date: MAY 24, 2000

For: **Resource Adapter and XML
Descriptor for Use in a Client
Environment Utilizing an Enterprise
Information System**

Examiner:

To be assigned

Group Art Unit: 2782

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claim 1.

Please add the following claims:

AI sub 8/1
2. (New) In an enterprise information system having a connector operating in a client server environment, a resource adapter that collaborates with an application server to provide services offered by the enterprise information system to the client, the resource adapter comprising:
java classes and interfaces for implementing connector contracts and functionality of the resource adapter;
native libraries required by the resource adapter;